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Senator J.C.Collier,
Barnesville,Ga.

My dear Senator:-

I regret to make excuses at the beginning of my letter,but since I first heard from you,more than a half or two-thirds of my time has been spent in bed. I am just now in my office from a sick bed.

On December 19th last I sent you a letter from a lady asking of Capt.Miles Collier and his family. I sent the letter to you as the Capt.Miles Collier who lived here was not the one enquired of in that letter. You wrote me that you were then leaving the city and on your return would write me. I have nothing from you since that time. All of the information I have I get from a copy of the VIRGINIA COUSINS,a book compiled by Prof.G.Brown Goode. I have that book,and as I remember I told you I would lend it to you if you did not have a copy and wished to use mine. I have no answer to that letter. I wrote the publishers Randolph & English,at Richmond ,asking them if they could get me a copy, and if so at what expense. I bought two copies from them,one for $10 and one at $25. In their recent letter they tell me that the book is out of print,and do not think they can get a copy,and if so not for less than $90 to a $100.

I am always interested in my family history,so far as I know on having investigated I do not know of any stain or belmish on the Collier name, and as stated heretofore I will lend you my copy if you wish,knowing that you will take the best possible care of it and return it at your earliest convenience.

Having given this subject much thought, you will doubtless be able to grasp the situation and compile all of the facts easier than I can. Iassume that this is largely a labor of love on your part,but it requires both skill,labor and money. If you are publishing this book on subscription,put me down as a subscriber. And if for sale I want one or two books. If you want further information that I may know outside of this book, I will be glad to give it to you if within my knowledge.

I would like very much to meet you.. Our Confederate Re-Union will most probably go to Atlanta next year,if so I shall hope to see you there. Let me hear from you.

With kndest regards and best wishes,I am

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Collier

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